

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A telephone call dialing method, for use in an information terminal with an operating system which can display a plurality of windows, comprising:

performing a first operation to:

select a string of character information in a window displayed by the operating system,

and

store the selected string of character information; and

performing a second operation to:

analyze the selected string of character information at an application level to determine if

non-numeric characters are included in the selected string of character information;

extract a telephone number from the stored string of character information; and

automatically dial a call to a line based upon the extracted telephone number,

wherein said first operation is a designation of a region of the displayed window containing the character information, and

wherein said second operation is one of pressing at least one button of a pointing device and pressing at least one key of a keyboard.

2. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 1, wherein the selected string of character information is stored in a common working memory which is shared by the operating system.

3. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 1, wherein the selected string of character information is one selected by a regional designation, and then stored in a common working memory which is shared by the operating system.

4. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 1, wherein extracting a telephone number includes deleting information except for that relevant to numerals from the selected string of character information, and the telephone number is extracted from the resulting remainder.

5. (currently amended): A telephone call dialing method, for use in an information terminal with an operating system which can display a plurality of windows, comprising:

displaying a first window;

performing a first operation to:

select a string of character information in a second window displayed by the operating

system, and

store the selected string of character information;

performing a second operation to:

analyze the selected string of character information at an application level to determine if non-numeric characters are included in the selected string of character information;

extract a telephone number from the stored string of character information, and
display the extracted telephone number in the first window; and
automatically dial a call to a line based upon the extracted telephone number,
wherein said first operation is a designation of a region of the displayed second window containing the character information, and

wherein said second operation is one of pressing at least one button of a pointing device and pressing at least one key of a keyboard.

6. (original): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein the first window is displayed overlapped on top of the plurality of windows displayed on the screen.

7. (original): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein the first window is displayed as a tool bar.

8. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein the first window comprises a telephone region with call dialing keys used to designate a telephone call dialing destination, and the telephone call dialing method further comprises the steps of:

selecting that one of the call dialing keys in the telephone region,

detecting the selected telephone number, and
call-dialing based upon the detected telephone number.

9. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein the first window further comprises a call log region where the past telephone call dialing destinations are displayed, and the telephone call dialing method further comprises the steps of:

selecting one of the past telephone call dialing destinations displayed in the call log region,

detecting the selected telephone number, and
call-dialing based upon the detected telephone number.

10. (currently amended): An information terminal, with an operating system which can display a plurality of windows, comprising:

storage means for storing a string of character information selected through a window displayed by the operating system, in response to a first operation performed by a user;

analyzing means for analyzing the selected string of character information at an application level to determine if non-numeric characters are included in the selected string of character information;

extraction means for extracting a telephone number from the string of character information stored in the storage means, in response to a second operation performed by the user;
and

output means for outputting the extracted telephone number and automatically dialing a call to a line, in response to the second operation performed by the user,

wherein said first operation is a designation of a region of the displayed window containing the character information, and

wherein said second operation is one of pressing at least one button of a pointing device and pressing at least one key of a keyboard.

11. (canceled).

12. (previously presented): The information terminal according to claim 10, further comprising call dialing control means for controlling the operation of call dialing to the line, based upon the telephone number output from the output means, in response to the second operation performed by the user.

13. (canceled).

14. (previously presented): The information terminal according to claim 10, wherein the extraction means deletes information except for the one relevant to numerals from the selected string of character information, and extracts a telephone number from the resulting remainder.

15-21. (canceled).

22. (currently amended): A computer-readable recording medium storing a program to be executed by a computer, wherein the program includes:

a procedure for selecting a string of character information in a window displayed by the operating system, and storing the selected string of character information, in response to a first operation performed by a user; ~~and~~

a procedure for analyzing the selected string of character information at an application level to determine if non-numeric characters are included in the selected string of character information; and

a procedure for extracting a telephone number from the stored string of character information and automatically dialing a call to a line based on the extracted telephone number, in response to a second operation performed by the user.

23. (currently amended): A computer-readable recording medium storing a program to be executed by a computer, wherein the program includes:

a procedure for displaying a first window which assists a telephone call dialing operation;

a procedure for selecting a string of character information in a second window, which is different from the first window, and storing the selected string of character information, in response to a first operation performed by a user;

a procedure for analyzing the selected string of character information at an application level to determine if non-numeric characters are included in the selected string of character information; and

a procedure for extracting a telephone number from the stored character information and automatically dialing a call to a line based on the extracted telephone number, in response to a second operation performed by the user,

wherein said first operation is a designation of a region of the displayed second window containing the character information, and

wherein said second operation is one of pressing at least one button of a pointing device and pressing at least one key of a keyboard.

24-26. (canceled).

27. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 1, wherein said window is associated with an application unrelated to call-dialing.

28. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 27, wherein said application is a word processor.

29-31. (canceled).

32. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein said third operation includes pressing a button displayed in the first window.

33. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 32, wherein when the extracted telephone number displayed in the first window is an internal number, the pressed button is an extension button.

34. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 32, wherein when the extracted telephone number displayed in the first window is an external number, the pressed button is a line wire button.

35. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein said first window is associated with a first application related to call-dialing.

36. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein said second window is associated with a second application unrelated to call-dialing.

37. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 36, wherein said second application is a word processor.

38-45. (canceled).

46. (previously presented): The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 23, wherein said second window is associated with an application unrelated to the call dialing operation.

47. (previously presented): The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 46, wherein said application is a word processor.